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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1175
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Danny Ray Gass of
Wilson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Danny Ray Gass; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gass was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a well-respected business owner, Mr. Gass operated Gass' s Grocery and Restaurant for a number of years, earning the respect of patrons and employees alike for his fair-mindedness; affability, and dedication to providing quality food and service; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, he was an invaluable asset to his community as a public servant of the utmost ability and merit, serving for eight years on the Wilson County Commission as the representative for the Twenty-Second District.

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WHEREAS, he made many valuable contributions as a member of the Alternative Funding Committee and was instrumental in drafting several proposals to diversify how the County raises revenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gass was unique in that he generously contributed his talents and time throughout all his years of public service, steadfastly working on behalf of his neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, known for his uncompromising ethical code and his unwavering dedication to the responsibilities inherent in being a County Commissioner, Mr. Gass helped countless citizens of Wilson County and worked to ensure good government for his fellow citizens; his death leaves a void that will not be easily filled; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gass worked diligently to ensure that Wilson County schools received adequate funding, thus securing the education of the next and future generations; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Mt. Juliet Masonic Lodge, Mr. Gass was deeply involved in many aspects of Mt Juliet and Wilson County; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout Christian, Mr. Gass was a member of the Donelson View Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gass was also deeply devoted to family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving husband to his wife, Nancy Gass, a proud father to his son, Micheal Gass, son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Danielle Gass, and his daughter and son-in-law, Patty and Scott Welch, a respected brother to his sister, Diane Carter, a concerned son to his parents, Cecil and Jean Gass, and an adoring grandfather to his grandchildren, Haleigh Welch, William Welch, and Brandon Gass; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gass leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Danny Ray Gass, Wilson County Commissioner, reflecting fondly on his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Gass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.